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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, PINT

SUBJ: LEADERS OF RECESSED PARTIES CONTINUE ACTIVITIES

REF: SANTIAGO 332

1. SUMMARY. LEADERS OF "RECESSED" NON-MARXIST PARTIES CONTINUE VIOLATE JUNTA RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. AT FUNERAL MARCH 20 OF HIGHLY RESPECTED ELDER STATESMAN DR. EDUARDO CRUZ COKE, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENT PATRICIO AYLWIN PRONOUNCED EULOGY SPECIFYING HE DID SO IN NAME OF PDC. ALTHOUGH PRESS MARCH 21 REFERRED TO AYLWIN ONLY AS "EX-PARLIAMENTARIAN," PDC'S RADIO BALMACEDA NEWS NETWORK CARRIED TAPE OF AYLWIN TALK INCLUDING PDC ATTRIBUTION.

3. RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE HAS TOLD US LEADERSHIP OF SMALL, CENTRIST SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PSD) MEETING INFORMALLY ON PARTY BUSINESS NOT LIMITED TO HOUSEKEEPING FUNCTIONS PERMITTED BY GOC.

4. COMMENT. INFORMATION COMING TO EMBASSY FROM VARIOUS SOURCES SUPPORTS IMPRESSION THAT LEADERS OF PDC, NATIONAL PARTY AND PROBABLY OTHER, MINOR, RECESSED PARTIES CONTINUE TO CARRY ON PARTY ACTIVITIES, USUALLY MEETING IN CASUAL SOCIAL SETTINGS. GOC CERTAINLY IS AWARE OF THESE ACTIONS BY PARTY LEADERS, AND TOLERATION OF THEM SUGGESTS JUNTA UNWILLING FOR TIME BEING TO INCUR  
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INTERNAL AND FOREIGN COSTS OF FURTHER CRACKDOWN. ON OTHER HAND,

JUNTA ISSUED MARCH 21 DECREE LAW 362, REQUIRING COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATIONS TO CHANGE NAMES IF THESE HAVE ANY "POLITICAL CONTENT".  
AYLWIN'S REMARKS ARE FIRST PDC PUBLIC STATEMENT MADE SINCE NON-  
MARXIST PARTIES RECESSED AND MAY WELL TEST EXTENT OF GOC TOLERANCE.  
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